

## **Appendix A: Environmental Implications Table**

During Stage 2 of the CAMP planning process, participants explore alternatives for a park's future development and management. Alternatives for the North Beach Area state parks are described in [Stage 2 – Alternatives Report](#). As you read the alternative approaches, you may find it helpful to consider potential environmental implications compared to one other, as well as a third, no-action alternative. When no alternative is proposed, such as for Pacific Beach State Park, then environmental implications are not included.

If you wish, you may provide any additional comments on information in this document. The process in which you are involved is designed to incorporate phased environmental review, consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act (WAC 352-11). Your comments help to identify environmental issues that State Parks and Recreation Commission needs to consider before taking an official action – in this case adopting elements of a park land use plan.

During the next stage in the planning process, agency staff will prepare an environmental checklist describing the environmental effects of adopting preliminary recommendations for the park's land use plan. The agency will then make a formal determination of the significance of any environmental impacts and whether additional environmental analysis and documentation is necessary.

In some cases where ground-breaking activities are being considered, we will also explore the environmental implications of alternative approaches. When we say that one alternative could result in greater potential environmental impacts, please remember that we are considering impacts to soils, water resources, water quality, air quality, plant and animal communities, noise levels, aesthetics, light and glare, public services and utilities.

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## Damon Point Environmental Implications

Protecting Natural and Cultural Features Alternative			Enhancing Recreational Opportunities Alternative		
<b>Land Classification:</b> Damon Point is currently unclassified. The area of land proposed for each classification under this alternative is shown below.			<b>Land Classification</b>		
Classification Type	Acres	Percentage of total long-term boundary	Classification Type	Acres	Percentage of total long-term boundary
Recreation Area in existing state park	4	5%	Recreation Area in existing state park	4	4%
Recreation Area in long-term boundary	0	0%	Recreation Area in long-term boundary	3	3%
Resource Recreation Area in existing state park.	77	95%	Resource Recreation Area in existing state park.	77	67%
Resource Recreation Area included in long-term boundary	0	0%	Resource Recreation Area included in long-term boundary	29	26%
Total	81	100%	Total	113	100
<b>Long-Term Boundary:</b> This alternative would not add any lands to the long-term boundary.			<b>Long-Term Boundary:</b> Thirty-two acres of beach is added to the long-term boundary, entirely in Resource Recreation Area. Three acres of Recreation Area is added to the long-term boundary to provide parking and sanitation facilities.		
<b>Ground-breaking activities:</b> This alternative would limit ground-breaking activities and public access. There would not be enough room to provide adequate parking and sanitation. Relative to past management, where there was a road to the end of the Point and two parking areas with restrooms, this alternative results in less potential environmental impacts.			<b>Ground-breaking activities:</b> This alternative would lead to a small parking area with sanitation. Relative to the <i>Protecting Natural and Cultural Features</i> this approach could result in more potential environmental impacts. Relative to historical management, there would be less potential environmental impacts.		

## Ocean City State Park Environmental Implications

Protecting Natural and Cultural Features Alternative			Enhancing Recreational Opportunities Alternative		
<b>Land Classification:</b> The entire park is currently classified as a Recreational Area.			<b>Land Classification</b>		
Classification Type	Acres	Percentage of total long-term boundary	Classification Type	Acres	Percentage of total long-term boundary
Recreation Area in existing state park	149	54%	Recreation Area in existing state park	149	74%
Recreation Area included in the long-term boundary	0	0%	Recreation Area included in long-term boundary	0	0%
Resource Recreation Area in existing state park	51	18%	Resource Recreation Area in existing state park	51	25%
Resource Recreation Area in long-term boundary	77	28%	Resource Recreation Area in long-term boundary	2	>1%
Total	277	100	Total	202	100
<b>Long-Term Boundary:</b> This alternative would add about 76 acres to the long-term boundary of the state park.			<b>Long-Term Boundary:</b> This approach would add two acres of wetlands to the long-term boundary of the state park.		
<b>Ground-breaking activities:</b> The current land classification could result in more potential environmental impacts than either alternative. The main difference between the <i>Enhancing Recreational Opportunities</i> alternative and this one is the addition of more wetlands in the <i>Protecting Natural and Cultural Features</i> alternative, which could lead to greater wetland protection. Both alternatives have the same acreage in Recreation Area.			<b>Ground-breaking activities</b> Relative to the existing classification this approach would result in less potential environmental impacts to noise levels, air quality, water quality, aesthetics/light and glare, public services and utilities.		

Protecting Natural and Cultural Features Alternative	Enhancing Recreational Opportunities Alternative
<p><b><i>Future Development</i></b>  This alternative would lead to some refurbishment of the existing campground. Adding electricity and water utilities to some campsites is the intent, along with some roadway improvements.</p> <p>Construction associated with this development could lead to more potential environmental impacts than the no-action alternative.</p>	<p><b><i>Future Development</i></b>  This alternative could lead to a more extensively and re-developed campground and could have more potential environmental impacts than the <i>Protecting Natural and Cultural Features</i> and the no-action alternatives.</p>
<p><b><i>Trails</i></b>  The intent of this alternative is to develop additional trails, signs, and facilities to enhance the interpretive experience at the park. Some intrusion into the various habitats at the park may be unavoidable.</p> <p>This alternative could result in more environmental impacts than the no-action alternative.</p>	<p><b><i>Trails</i></b>  A hiking trail is usually longer than an interpretive trail and will require more facilities to traverse the wetlands in the park and nearby.</p> <p>This alternative could result in more environmental impacts than the no-action or <i>Protecting Natural and Cultural Features</i> alternatives.</p>

## Griffiths-Priday Ocean State Park

Protecting Natural and Cultural Features Alternative			Enhancing Recreational Opportunities Alternative		
<b>Land Classification:</b> The entire park is currently classified as a Recreational Area.			<b>Land Classification:</b> The entire park is currently classified as a Recreational Area.		
Classification Type	Acres	Percentage of total long-term boundary	Classification Type	Acres	Percentage of total long-term boundary
Recreation Area in existing state park	9	>1%	Recreation Area in existing state park	9	2%
Recreation Area included in long-term boundary	3	>1%	Recreation Area included in long-term boundary	45	12%
Resource Recreation Area in existing state park	0	0%	Resource Recreation Area in existing state park	0	0%
Resource Recreation Area in long-term boundary	718	63%	Resource Recreation Area in long-term boundary	18	5%
Natural Area in existing state park	197	17%	Natural Area in existing state park	197	51%
Natural Area in long-term boundary	220	19%	Natural Area in long-term boundary	117	30%
Total	1,147	100%	Total	387	100
<b>Long-Term Boundary:</b> This alternative would add about 941 acres to the long-term boundary of the state park for watershed protection.			<b>Long-Term Boundary:</b> This alternative would add about 180 acres to the long-term boundary of the state park.		
<b>Ground-breaking activities:</b> The current land classification could result in more potential environmental impacts than either alternative.			<b>Ground-breaking activities:</b> A higher level of development, such as camping would occur in this alternative, and may result in additional environmental impacts. Development would be designed to include appropriate setbacks for critical areas, such as wetlands.		